

Appln. No. New Application  
Preliminary Amendment

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/554,931, filed on  
May 22, 2000, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP99/05145,  
filed September 21, 1999.